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## COLONEL PLANNED TO DELIVER PARTY TO G.O.P. 'WOLVES'

—JOHN M. PARKER

**Progressive Nominee for Vice-Presidency Tells of Activities of Roosevelt and Perkins at Conventions in Chicago—Urges Re-election of President Wilson—Says Roosevelt Personally Approved Every Move Made During "Tragedy" in June.**

New York, Oct. 14.—With a plea for the re-election of President Wilson, John M. Parker, Progressive candidate for Vice-President, delivered an address here today at a reception given him by members of the National Progressive party in which he dealt somewhat at length on the activities of Theodore Roosevelt and George W. Perkins during the Progressive and Republican conventions in Chicago last June.

Mr. Parker quoted Col. Roosevelt as saying, in 1913, that "I am for this cause to fight to the end—while life lasts," and that "I will never abandon the principles to which we Progressives have pledged ourselves and I will never abandon the men and women who draw around me to battle for these principles."

He also quoted George W. Perkins as stating he was opposed to returning to the Republican party because it had been "more reactionary than ever."

"The statements of our leader," Mr. Parker continued, "were accepted at par value by the trusting body of men and women who implicitly believed in our leader. The tragedy of the great gathering at Chicago from June 7 to June 10 is a matter of history."

Mr. Parker said that he had information that every move in the Progressive convention was approved by Col. Roosevelt over the telephone. As a member of the committee on conference, he said, when a request was presented by Mr. Perkins from Col. Roosevelt that the name of Henry Cabot Lodge be suggested for President, "I emphatically declined to be a messenger or carry any suggestions to the Republican committee as I recognized the right of no man to turn over, body and soul, to those same Republican wolves against whom lifelong Republicans had revolted in 1912."

Mr. Parker said that when he accepted the nomination to the Vice-presidency he realized that if he declined it would be thought he was "a party to the betrayal of the principles" that brought the Progressive convention together.

## ATTEMPT TO MURDER POLICEMAN WHO BRAVELY PURSUES QUARTET OF THIEVES ALONG WATERFRONT

Dealt a smashing blow in the stomach with a crowbar, as he groped in the darkness of the Hartford-New York line dock yard in East Bridgeport to find four men whom he caught attempting to break and enter a house in Hough avenue, Patrolman Daniel T. Fitzroy was made a target by one of the gunmen, as he lay prostrate on the ground, at 2:30 this morning. The aim of the burglar was bad, however, and Fitzroy escaped being shot.

The assault and attempt to murder the police officer followed a thrilling chase through the city streets by Fitzroy, who single handed tried to capture the robbers.

While making his rounds about 2:15 this morning the patrolman noticed as he reached Hough and Stratford avenues, a man standing about 100 feet away in Hough avenue. His suspicions aroused he walked toward the suspect, who proved to be a lookout for his pals. Suddenly he saw three men prowling in the yard of a house, about three doors from the street corner.

The lookout jumped over the fence into the yard, running with his companions to the back of the house. The patrolman vaulted the fence in pursuit and the chase commenced. Through back yards and over fences the quartet fled with the officer.

steadily gaining on them. Making their way to Stratford avenue the gang fled down to East Main street and thence into the dock yard adjoining the Joy Line pier.

Despite the darkness and the odds against him Fitzroy rushed into the enclosure after his quarry. One of the robbers, however, had evidently stumbled over a crowbar, which he picked up. Secretly he hid behind a crate or similar object, he awaited the approach of the patrolman.

As Fitzroy came running past his hiding place, the robber swung the crowbar, striking the patrolman in the pit of the stomach, knocking the breath out of him and prostrating him. The wielder of the crowbar then ran, one of his pals immediately after opening fire on the patrolman.

The robber blazed away with his gun, emptying it, while Fitzroy struggled to get back his wind and draw his own revolver. The shots brought Sergeant Flood and Patrolman Dalvis to the scene and a hurry call was sent for reserves.

A squad of officers surrounded the yard and searched the grounds adjacent, but no trace of the gunman could be found. Patrolman Fitzroy could furnish no description of the men other than he knew two were colored.

## Railroad Policemen's Record of Thievery Is Aired in Court

It was apparently a case of "dog eat dog" when the case of Ernest J. Minor, of 493 Fairfield avenue, was called in the local court this morning before Judge Bartlett. Minor was formerly employed as a railroad officer by the New Haven road. He worked but two days when he resigned.

This morning another railroad officer, John Baker, who it was learned was arrested for burglary in this city, appeared as the officer who arrested Minor, charging him with the theft of a pair of shoes. Baker on the witness stand said he saw Minor take two pairs of shoes, about a month ago, when the latter was in the employ of the railroad.

"Why didn't you arrest Minor then?" asked Judge Bartlett. Baker was nonplussed by this query but proceeded to explain, that of late he has been accused of stealing things. He pondered over the case for sometime and finally he decided to clear himself from blame or suspicion of any thefts, he arrested Minor.

was the efficient railroad officer's excuse. Judge Bartlett halted further explanations of Baker, by discharging Minor.

## "SLAVE" CASE CONTINUED.

The cases of Mrs. Margaret Murray, who resides at 271 State street, and her husband, were continued until Oct. 16, by Judge Bartlett in the city court today. Murray is held in bonds of \$1,000 as a result of these hite slave allegations lodged against him by his wife, a witness Mrs. Murray, is held in the same bonds.

## PLUMBER ROBBED OF \$130.

Edward Lynch, the Elm street plumber, was asked today by a well dressed man who entered his store, to show him samples of lead pipe. Lynch went into the back of the store, returning with the samples to find \$130 which reposed in his safe, gone, and the prospective customer as well.

## THE WEATHER.

Fair tonight, Sunday fair and warmer; northwest winds diminishing w/7; becoming south Sunday.

## ATTORNEY LYONS NOMINATED FOR PROBATE JUDGE

Convention of Delegates From Bridgeport District Unanimous In Choice

## JUDGE BEARDSLEY NAMES CANDIDATE

Party's Representative Young Man of Great Capabilities and Strength

A spirit of unanimity and confidence was dominant this noon at the probate convention for the district of Bridgeport. Henry P. Lyons, the prominent young attorney of this city, was nominated for judge of probate.

The manner in which the delegates look forward to the balloting election day was manifest in the many addresses of the delegates, which were overflowing with pleasure at the splendid record of Democracy in general during the last few years, and with confidence for the outcome of the elections.

Attorney Lyons was honored by having his name placed before the convention by Judge Morris B. Beardsley, candidate for governor of Connecticut.

The convention began at 12:20 o'clock and on the motion of Alderman Daniel Harrigan, John H. Canfield of Easton was unanimously named chairman, after George Soudin had opened the meeting. On the motion of Alderman William J. Moran, John H. Casey was made secretary.

Judge Beardsley was accepted as a proxy for John P. Kempe of the First district, and Lawrence E. Moran for Frank J. Mullane of the Ninth. Carlisle Donnelly of the Second, John H. Grant of the Fourth, Sigmund Hirschberg of the Seventh, Thomas C. Carroll of the Eleventh, J. H. O'Rourke and William Callan, delegates-at-large, were not present.

When nominations were called for, Judge Beardsley arose and said: "Gentlemen, I have a pleasant duty to perform. I'm perfectly able to say what I'm going to say, but in these times, when what you say is likely to be misrepresented, I'd rather have it down in black and white."

Reading from a manuscript, Judge Beardsley then nominated Mr. Lyons, amid great acclamation. His speech followed:

"We have met to place in nomination the man whom we wish shall be the judge of the Bridgeport probate court for the coming two years. The filling of this position is one of the most important duties devolving on the voters of this community in November. Every citizen is interested, and it behooves us to see that in all of them are judges capable and honest. The probate court from its very nature answers all of the people more vitally than any other. It has jurisdiction over infants and helpless ones, must protect their property and safeguard their persons. Death invades every family, rich and poor, high and low, and through this court goes at least once in every generation all of the vast property of the district. It is evident that the man to preside over such a tribunal must be one carefully chosen, a man learned in the particular law applying to matters which come before him. A man of good sense, for not all of the law is to be found in the books, a great deal is left to his discretion."

"A short time ago the Republican party renominated the present judge, Mr. Miller and Judge Pullman, their silver tongued orator, in placing his name before the convention, drew a picture of what he thought the man should be, and I fully agree with him, and have one who measures up to the requirements. Let me have a sound knowledge of the law, common sense, be honest, tactful, courteous, yet firm to maintain his position when once taken. The gentleman whom I shall name possesses all of these qualities. He has had experience. For four years under Judge Hallen he was the chief clerk of the office, and during the regrettable illness of Judge Hallen he bore the entire care of the office left to him. He is a Bridgeport boy, born and reared in our Second district, known to you all, a graduate of our schools, of Niagara University, and of the Yale Law School."

"I take great pleasure in placing in nomination for the office of judge of the Bridgeport probate district Mr. Henry P. Lyons."

Frederick C. Mullins then arose and in seconding the nomination said: "The gentlemen of this convention have nominated a man from this side of the river, and I'm on the other side of the creek. It is a source of very great pleasure to me, however, that this is so, because I have known this young man all his life and his father before him, and I know that his character and Democracy cannot be assailed."

In behalf of the smaller towns, of which Monroe, Trumbull and Easton belong to the Bridgeport district, Edward Shelton of Monroe, expressed the great satisfaction of the delegates at the nomination. It was unanimous and no other name was brought before the convention.

A committee consisting of Mr. Shelton and Mr. Moran was appointed by the chair to seek out the candidate and notify him of his nomination. Mr. Lyons was found in his office and brought before the convention.

While the committee was seeking the candidate, the convention named Robert G. Dearest, George Coughlin, and Thomas White of Bridgeport; Burr Tucker, Easton; Edward Shelton, Monroe, and Burr Beach of Trumbull, the probate committee to call the next convention. They will be in office two years.

The entrance of Attorney Lyons was greeted with much applause. In (Continued on Page Two.)

## POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN MAKE GREAT SHOWING

"Finest and Bravest" Impressive in Annual Municipal Parade.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE IS MARSHAL

Barney, Pensioned Fire Horse, Creates Comment Along Line of March.

The "Finest and Bravest" did themselves proud today in the annual police and firemen's parade which took place at noon. Not an incident occurred to mar the procession, but after the parade had been dismissed, the auto-hose wagon of No. 4 Engine company was in collision with a small automobile at Main and Fulton streets and the latter came off second best. One of the front wheels of the car was torn off. It was owned by C. E. Eames & Co. and driven by John Walker. Witnesses agreed as to who was to blame for the collision.

The annual inspections of both police and fire departments took place before the parade. The parade was started promptly at 12:20, the police marching down Fairfield avenue from police headquarters to Main street where the firemen fell in line behind them.

Supt. John H. Redgate was marshal. Assistant Superintendent Charles H. Suckley was his adjutant, marching between the color bearers of the department, Charles N. Campana and John Corrigan.

John H. Regan commanded the first platoon of policemen and Captains Frederick W. Webb and Garry P. Sanger and the lieutenants of the department in the order of their seniority, followed in command. The sergeants marched on the right of each platoon. The policemen completed the parade by marching, especially while passing the reviewing stand. The Wheeler & Wilson band with Drum-Major Fred J. Westlake led the line. The police patrol brought up in the rear.

The Coast Artillery band, Drum-Major George L. Raymond, led the firemen.

Members of the fire department under command of Chief Daniel E. Johnson, joined the line at Main street and Fairfield avenue. The firemen made a fine appearance. They wore blue fatigue dresses with white gloves, and each company marched in front of its apparatus in platoon formation, the captains in front of the platoons, lieutenants two paces to the right. The firemen were divided into two divisions. Assistant Chief George F. Beardsley commanding the first and Assistant Chief Thomas Burns the second.

At intervals along the line of march, lieutenants of the department were stationed ready for any emergency which might arise. When the parade was dismissed at Main street, No. 1 company went swiftly to quarters prepared for the parade by the white horses, which for many years drew Chief Johnson to fires and is now pensioned being cared for at the farm of Michael Logan in Stratford. Barney was led by John Walters, of No. 1 Engine company, the oldest active fireman in the department. For 14 years before he was pensioned, Barney ran to fires in Bridgeport. He wore today a blanket with his name and record inscribed. Despite his age he was sleek and fat, pranced to the music of the band, and seemed all to understand and be proud of the attention bestowed upon him.

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## AUTO TRUCKMAN ARRESTED AFTER FATAL ACCIDENT

Coroner to Probe Circumstances of John Nemer-gut's Death.

Pinned beneath the wagon, which he was driving, when overturned as a result of being struck by an auto truck, John Nemer-gut, of Huntington Road, Stratford, sustained injuries which caused his death, at the Bridgeport hospital this morning.

The accident which occurred at 4:30 yesterday afternoon, was due to the slippery condition of the streets, during the rainstorm, at the intersection of Barnum and Bishop avenues.

Herman Muller, driver of the auto truck, and in the employ of Patrick McGee, was going east on Barnum avenue. He tried to cross in front of the team which Nemer-gut was driving. The horse slipped, and shield, with the result that the auto and team smashed together. Nemer-gut fell to the street and was buried under the overturned team.

Coroner John J. Phelan, will hold an inquest Monday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.

Miller was arrested on a manslaughter charge by Sergeant Peter Hall.

## DANISH PASSENGER LINER, BOUND FROM N. Y., CHASED TO DEEP WATER BY U-BOAT

## FRENCH CRUISER SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Berlin, Oct. 14.—The small French cruiser Regel, built as a submarine destroyer, was sunk in the Mediterranean on October 2, by two torpedoes fired by a German submarine, it was officially announced here today.

Paris, Oct. 14.—The Germans delivered a strong attack last night on Abilaincourt, south of the river Somme and recaptured part of the village as well as trenches northeast of it, it was officially announced here today. The French immediately launched a counter attack, recapturing the ground taken by the Germans.

North of the Somme the French made progress on Malassis sector north of Bouchevemes.

Berlin, Oct. 14.—Troops of the central powers have gained ground in the vicinity of the frontier passes of Budenzland, in Transylvania, says today's German official statement. Three hundred Rumanians were taken prisoners and six machine guns were captured.

## SITUATION IN NORTHERN MEXICO IMPROVING, SAYS WILSON; PRAISES TROOPS

Long Branch, N. J., Oct. 14.—President Wilson, in a letter to Governor Whitman, of New York, sent October 9 and made public here today, declared that the emergency which caused the sending of the militia to the Mexican border "unhappily still exists." He added, however, that he believed conditions in northern Mexico are improving and that in the "near future" it will be possible to "do more than has been done to relieve the embarrassments under which organized militia regiments have necessarily suffered."

The emergency which led to the call of the militia was, as defined in my call of June 18, the possibility of a general invasion from Mexico and the protection of our frontier. This emergency still unhappily exists and I am advised by the military authorities that a withdrawal of the militia at any time from the date of its call would be to invite a general invasion, in all human likelihood, have been followed by fresh aggressions from Mexico upon the lives and property of the people of the United States.

In his letter, the President paid tribute to the character of the militia men and denied that any organizations were being kept on the border to perfect their military training.

The President's letter follows: "My Dear Governor Whitman: I have received your letter of Sept. 20 and have taken up with the Secretary of war the situation as it affects the presence of New York troops on the border. From the beginning of the difficulty which necessitated the call for the militia, I have been deeply sensitive of the inconvenience caused to the members of these citizen military organizations by their separation from their families and from their ordinary business engagements and pursuits."

"In order to minimize these sacrifices, the war department is sending to the border from time to time militia which have not participated in the service there and as each fresh contingent goes to the border, General Funston selects for return to their home stations and mustering out such units as in his judgment can best be spared. This policy will distribute this duty over as wide an area as possible and make its burden fall as equally as is practicable upon the organized militia forces. It has already resulted in the return of a number of New York organizations."

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"It would, of course, be impossible to set a date at which the release of the remaining New York units can with certainty be accomplished. I am happy, however, to believe that the condition in northern Mexico is improving and that, in the near future, we will be able to do more than has been done to relieve the embarrassments under which these organized militia regiments have been necessarily suffered. I share your anxiety, dear Governor, for the spirit in which these men have served and are serving their country and would be very sorry if it were supposed that their retention on the border is for any more purpose of completion of their military training or any less commanding purpose than the preservation of our frontier from aggression."

"Very truly yours, (Signed) "WOODROW WILSON."

## AMERICAN GIVEN PRISON TERM IN COURT OF PARIS

Silbermann Held Guilty of Charge of Trading With Enemy.

Paris, Oct. 14.—William Chester Silbermann, of New York, has been sentenced by the correctional court to five years in prison and 500 francs fine on a charge of trading with the enemy.

Silbermann, according to the prosecution, came to Paris armed with papers describing him as the representative of the King Rubber Co. On the strength of these papers he obtained several important orders. He was finally denounced by a Serbian who had known him in New York and who said he was acting for Gottwik, Scheffer & Co., a New York firm with German affiliations.

New York, Oct. 14.—According to Paul Gettwik, of Gettwik, Scheffer & Co., local dealers in drug sundries, William Chester Silbermann represented in Paris the King Rubber Co. of Hyde Park, Mass. Mr. Gettwik's firm is the New York agent for the rubber firm. Both the King Company and Silbermann's sister, a resident of New York, have placed Silbermann's plight before the state department at Washington, according to Gettwik.

Steamer Arriving in Port Here Reports Pursuit of Neutral Vessel By Unidentified Submarine—Incoming Liner Flees From Attack.

Many Americans in Passenger List—Big Fleet of Freight and Passenger Ships to Sail Today and Tomorrow—Plan to Evade Raiders.

New York, Oct. 14.—When the White Star liner Bovic sighted an eastward bound submarine in the Atlantic yesterday morning she was apparently in pursuit of a Danish passenger ship, the Hellif Oliva, according to observers on the deck of the Bovic, which arrived here today.

The nationality of the submarine was not established. The Bovic, in fear of attack put on full speed and headed directly west. At the time that she passed out of sight of the other two vessels, the Danish boat still seemed to be endeavoring to escape from the submarine.

The weather was clear and the Hellif Oliva was between two and three miles distant at the moment she was first observed with the submarine about one mile astern. This was about 8:30 a. m., when the Bovic was approximately 200 miles east of New York.

The Hellif Oliva left here on Thursday for Copenhagen and other Scandinavian ports, carrying 26 passengers in the first cabin, 37 in the second cabin and stowage passengers. Many of those in the cabins are Americans.

At the time she was sighted by the Bovic, the Dane was flying a flag but her identity was distinguished by her name and the Danish flag painted along her sides. The Bovic reached port with a gun mounted at her stern.

Representatives of the Scandinavian American line said here today that the Hellif Oliva carried no contraband and that they did not believe the vessel's captain would undertake to escape from a submarine. The line has sent a wireless message to the ship asking for an account of the circumstances.

John S. Hall, a Sandy Hook pilot, who steered the Bovic through the Ambrose Channel, said that Captain J. J. Jones, of the Bovic, told him of sighting the Hellif Oliva with a submarine apparently in pursuit and that Captain Jones said:

"It had been clear enough I'd have fired at the submarine, but at a mile and a quarter it was a difficult shot."

## Many Merchantmen Sail From New York

New York, Oct. 14.—The largest fleet of steamships that has left this port since the submarine raid off Nantucket last Sunday is due to sail today, while United States destroyers are scouting along the North Atlantic coast for a secret base for German submarines.

A southwest gale swept the coast as the destroyers maintained the search. Incoming and outgoing ships pursued zig-zag courses far off their usual routes to elude the U-53 which for all they know might still be lurking off Nantucket.

Among the liners ready to leave here today are the St. Louis, of the American Line for Liverpool with a full complement of passengers; the French liner Espagne for Bordeaux; the liner Stockholm for Gothenburg; the Re D'Italia for Genoa and the Anchor Liner Cameronia for Halifax. In addition to these 26 other steamers had cleared for departure today.

Thirteen steamers were due here today from European or African ports.

The latest of the trans-Atlantic liners to arrive was the White Star steamer Cedric which came in last night bringing one passenger from Liverpool. The Cedric received a wireless message at 2 o'clock last Monday morning telling of the activities of the U-53. Thereafter all lights were extinguished at night, a zig-zag course was followed and the cannon on her after deck was manned but no submarine was sighted.

Philadelphia, Oct. 14.—About a dozen steamships in the trans-Atlantic service which have been held up here for a week because of the German menace along the coast, sailed today. Most of them carried cargoes of munitions or other military supplies for the Allies.

## RAY STATE TROOPS HOME

Springfield, Mass., Oct. 14.—The second section of the troop train bearing the Second Regiment arrived from the border in Springfield this morning. The first arrived at midnight last night. The third section is expected by daylight tomorrow as follows.